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SUBJECT: AREAS OF DANISH ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA

1. ON NOVEMBER 16 OLE BIERRING, DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, DANISH FOREIGN OFFICE, WHO ACCOMPANIED FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN ON HIS TRAVELS TO ANGOLA, GAVE ME FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE DISCUSSED DURING DNISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO ANGOLA.

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A. FORMAL AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION. PRESIDENT

NETO HAD ASKED DANES TO SIGN A FORMAL AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION WITH ANGOLA. ANDERSEN HAD AGREED TO SUCH A DOCUMENT BUT THOUGHT IT WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION BEFORE IT COULD BE SIGNED. TOWARD THIS END, DANISH TECHNICIANS WILL BE TRAVELING TO LUANDA LATER IN THE YEAR.

B. DANISH TECHNICIANS. AT THE REQUEST OF THE ANGOLANS, THE DANES AGREED TO SEND TECHNICIANS TO ACTIVATE THE THREE DANISH-OWNED FACTORIES (CEMENT, BICYCLE AND PAINT FACTORIES). THESE TECHNICIANS WILL RECEIVE ANGOLAN ASSISTANCE IN FINDING APPROPRIATE HOUSING AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TRANSFER PART OF THEIR WAGES INTO FOREIGN EXCHANGE. ANGOLANS PROMISED THAT DANES DID NOT REPEAT DID NOT RUN THE RISK OF HAVING THESE THREE FACTORIES NATIONALIZED.

C. NEED FOR OTHER DANISH TECHNICIANS. ANGOLANS REQUESTED DANISH TECHNICIANS, OTHER THAN THOSE FOR THE THREE DANISH-OWNED FACTORIES, IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY LARGE AMOUNTS OF INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT WHICH PORTUGUESE LEFT BEHIND AND WHICH DO NOT HAVE LABELS. UNTIL THIS INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT, HAS BEEN PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AS TO THE MANUFACTURER, ANGOLANS CANNOT ORDER BADLY-NEEDED SPARE PARTS.

D. DANISH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. DANES HAVE ALREADY GIVEN 5 MILLION KRONER TO ANGOLA TO BE USED FOR REFUGEE RELIEF AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOW REQUEST ADDITIONAL 5 MILLION KRONER, BRINGING TOTAL TO 10 MILLION KRONER, THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT \$1.7 MILLION. BOTH AMOUNTS ARE BEING CHanneled TO ANGOLA THROUGH U.N. HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES.

E. OVERALL IMPRESSION. DANISH BUSINESS LEADERS WERE NOT MADE PESSIMISTIC BY THE RECEPTION THEY RECEIVED. THEY ARE INCLINED FIRST TO GET THE THREE DANISH-OWNED FACTORIES WORKING AGAIN, NOT MERELY FOR

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THE SAKE OF SALVAGING THEIR EXISTING INVESTMENT, BUT IN THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT THERE WILL BE A ROLE FOR PRIVATE FOREIGN ENTERPRISE IN THE ANGOLA OF THE FUTURE. DANES WERE STRUCK BY THE FACT THAT ANGOLANS DID NOT REPEAT DID NOT REQUEST ANY LOANS AS IS CUSTOMARY IN THE CASE OF OTHER UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHEN A FOREIGN MINISTER PAYS AN OFFICIAL VISIT. ANDERSEN DID NOT HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT

MONEY WAS OF OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE TO THE ANGOLANS
IN PLANNING THEIR RECONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT.
NEXT STEP FOR THE DANES IS TO SEND A TWO OR THREE
MAN TEAM TO ANGOLA TO FOLLOW UP ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S
VISIT.
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